

## **Benjamin Harrison Papers**

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### **Biographical Note:**

Benjamin Harrison was born on August 20, 1833, in North Bend, Ohio. His father, John Scott Harrison, was a U.S. Representative from Ohio, and his grandfather was William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States. Benjamin Harrison was raised in Ohio and attended Miami University (Oxford, Ohio). After graduating in 1852, Harrison studied law for two years at a Cincinnati law firm. In 1853, he married Caroline Scott with whom he had two children, Russell and Mary.

After a year of marriage, the Harrisons moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where Benjamin Harrison established a law firm. In 1855, he joined the practice of William Wallace (father of Lew Wallace). He was elected Indianapolis City Attorney in 1857. He also served as reporter for the Indiana Supreme Court. In 1862, Oliver P. Morton asked Harrison to recruit men for the 70th Indiana Volunteers. Harrison served throughout the Civil War and reached the rank of Brigadier General. From 1874 to 1889, he was the law partner of William Henry Harrison Miller. Harrison was narrowly defeated in the 1876 gubernatorial election by James Williams. In 1879, he was appointed a member of the Mississippi River Commission. He served three terms as a U.S. Senator (1881-1887).

In 1888, he was elected President of the United States. Among his accomplishments were the first Pan American Congress and the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. Towards the end of his term, his wife Caroline died of tuberculosis. Harrison failed to win reelection in 1892, perhaps partially due to his distraction from the campaign when his wife died. After leaving office, he returned to Indianapolis and his law practice. In 1896, he married Caroline's niece, Mary Lord Dimmick. He served as senior counsel for Venezuela in its boundary dispute with Great Britain before an arbitration tribunal in Paris (1899). He remained an active writer and lecturer until his death on March 13, 1901, of pneumonia.

#### *Sources:*

American President: Benjamin Harrison. Miller Center of Public Affairs. 2 Mar. 2006.  
<<http://www.americanpresident.org/history/benjaminharrison/biography/>>.

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress. United States Congress. 2 Mar. 2006.  
<<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=H000263>>.

"Harrison Family." President Benjamin Harrison Home. 2 Mar. 2006.  
<<http://www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org/Harrison/beninfo.html>>.

### Scope and Content Note:

The bulk of the collection consists of invoices and receipts for Harrison's personal and household expenses in Indianapolis (1893-1897) and for expenses incurred in the construction of his Indianapolis home (1874-1875).

The correspondence includes Harrison's letter (1896-1900) to his law partner, W. H. H. Miller, regarding Republican Party politics, Harrison's work in the Venezuelan boundary dispute, investments, and family and personal matters; letters regarding a federal appointment for his son, Russell B. Harrison (1875-1881); letters and invitations relating to the Harrison's social life in Washington, D.C. (1889-1893); copies of letters to Judge R. S. Taylor; and scattered letters regarding politics and Harrison's writings.

Other items include notebooks containing names and notes on political supporters (1881); campaign materials and programs from Harrison's presidential campaign and inauguration (1888-1889); two articles written by Harrison about life in the White House (1897); biographical pamphlets printed during his presidential campaign and shortly after he was elected (1888-1889); and the "Catalogue of Library and Index to Vocal and Instrumental Music" by Lizzie S. Lord, Caroline Scott Harrison's niece (1866).

The collection is organized into correspondence, speeches, other printed materials, and financial records. The correspondence, speeches, and financial records are organized chronologically as is each type of printed material.

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### Box and Folder Listing:

#### Box 1, Folder 1. *Correspondence, 1858-1880 & Speeches, 1882-1898*

1858 July 27	Harrison, Benjamin to Will Cumback, typed copy, 2 p.
1862 Dec. 22	Harrison, Benjamin to Secretary of State of Indiana, ALS, 1 p.
1863 Sept. 28	Harrison, Benjamin to Governor Oliver P. Morton, ALS, 1 p.
1864 July 8	Harrison, Caroline Scott to her brother, ALS
1875 Dec. 11	Bristow, B. H. (Secretary of the Treasury) to Benjamin Harrison, ALS
1878 July 11	Linderman, H. R. to Benjamin Harrison, LS, 2 p.
1878 Dec. 14	Conkling, Senator Roscoe to Benjamin Harrison, LS
1879 Apr. 14	Burchard, Horatio C. (Director of the Mint) to Benjamin Harrison, ALS
1880 Oct. 16	Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.
1880 Nov. 13	Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 4 p.
1880 Dec. 2	Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 3 p.
1880 Dec. 14	Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 3 p.

1880 Dec. 29 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
Box 1, Folder 2. *Correspondence, 1881-1882*  
1881 Feb. 11 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS  
1881 Mar. 10 Miller, Senator John F. to Benjamin Harrison, LS  
1881 Mar. 19 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1881 Apr. 7 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 3 p.  
1881 Apr. 22 Harrison, Benjamin to Col. K. G. Shryock, LS  
1881 July 14 Davidson, Thomas to Benjamin Harrison, Photostat copy of ALS, 1 p.  
1881 July 16 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS  
1881 Oct. 21 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
1881 Oct. 27 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 4 p.  
1881 Dec. 6 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1881 Dec. 14 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1882 Jan. 5 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1882 Jan. 14 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1882 Feb. 1 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
1882 May 26 Harrison, Benjamin to L. T. Michener, typed copy  
1882 June 5 Windom, Senator William to Russell B. Harrison, ALS  
1882 June 24 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1882 Aug. 2 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
1882 Aug. 28 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1882 Nov. 13 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1882 Dec. 8 Harrison, Benjamin to L. T. Michener, typed copy  
1882 Dec. 12 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1882 Dec. 30 Harrison, Benjamin to L. T. Michener, typed copy  
Box 1, Folder 3. *Correspondence, 1883-1885*  
1883 Jan. 31 Harrison, Benjamin to S. F. Lockridge, typed copy, 2 p.  
1883 Feb. 28 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1883 Nov. 20 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1883 Dec. 12 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1883 Dec. 15 Harrison, Benjamin to H. D. Rogers, LS  
1884 Feb. 16 Harrison, Benjamin to L. T. Michener, typed copy  
1884 Feb. 18 Harrison, Benjamin to L. T. Michener, typed copy  
1884 Feb. 20 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1884 Feb. 27 Harrison, Benjamin to L. T. Michener, typed copy  
1884 Mar. 28 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
1884 Apr. 17 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 3 p.  
1884 June 21 Harrison, Benjamin to General George B. Williams, ALS  
1884 July 9 Evans, Walter to Benjamin Harrison, Photostat copy of LS, 3 p.  
1884 July 22 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1884 July 31 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS  
1884 Aug. 1 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
1885 Feb. 27 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1885 Mar. 7 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, ALS  
1885 Dec. 5 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1885 Dec. 12 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS

Box 1, Folder 4. *Correspondence, 1886-1888*

1886 Jan. 12 Harrison, Benjamin to Lucius Embree, LS  
1886 Feb. 27 Harrison, Benjamin to Lucius Embree, LS  
1886 Mar. 11 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1886 Mar. 27 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS, 2 p.  
1886 Apr. 5 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1886 Apr. 7 Harrison, Benjamin to unknown recipient, Photostat copy of LS  
1886 Apr. 14 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of LS  
1886 June 20 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 3 p.  
1886 Dec. 30 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, ALS  
1888 June 28 Haymond, Creed to Benjamin Harrison, telegram  
1888 July 10 Harrison, Benjamin to Gen. Nathan Kimball, TLS  
1888 Aug. 16 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of TLS  
1888 Oct. 9 Harrison, Benjamin to J. S. Clarkson, TLS, 2 p.  
1888 Nov. 15 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of TNS  
1888 Nov 29 Belz, Lizzie to Benjamin Harrison, ALS with enclosed certificate from  
Commonwealth of

Virginia signed by Harrison's great-grandfather

Box 1, Folder 5. *Correspondence, 1889*

1889 Jan. 17 Harrison, Benjamin to Senator W. B. Allison, typed copy  
1889 Jan. 17 Harrison, Benjamin to Senator W. B. Allison, typed copy  
1889 Feb. 4 Harrison, Benjamin to Senator W. B. Allison, typed copy  
1889 Feb. 18 Harrison, Benjamin to President Grover Cleveland, typed copy  
1889 Mar. 18 Platt, O. H. to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of TLS, 2 p.  
1889 Mar. 28 Committee on Centennial Celebration of the Inauguration of George  
Washington to Benjamin  
Harrison, typed copy  
1889 June 10 Halford, E. M. to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of TLS  
1889 July 23 Harrison, Benjamin to R. S. Taylor, Photostat copy of ALS, 2 p.  
1889 Aug. 15 Caubert A. to Benjamin Harrison, ANS with enclosed printed letter  
from Vice President  
L. P. Morton to Caubert  
1889 Nov. 11 Hubbell, O. Z. to S. B. Elkins, TL, 2 p.  
1889 Dec. 2 Acknowledgement of receipt of 30 copies of the President's message  
signed by

William Henry Smith

1889 Dec. Executive Mansion to the Senate and House of Representatives  
(duplicate)

1889 Taylor, R. S. to Benjamin Harrison, Photostat copy of AL, 6 p.

Box 1, Folder 6. *Correspondence, 1890-1892*

1890 Apr. 9 Gomez, Jose Sanchez (El Capitan General de la Isla de Cuba) to  
Russell B. Harrison, LS  
1890 Nov. 17 Harrison, Benjamin to Howard Cale, typed copy  
1891 Feb. 7 Halford, E. M. to George Alfred Townsend, TLS  
1891 Feb. 23 Miller, Attorney General W. H. H. to Benjamin Harrison, ALS  
1891 Feb. 24 Huston, J. N. to Benjamin Harrison, typed copy

1891 Mar. 20 Halford, E. M. to George Alfred Townsend, TLS  
 1891 Apr. 13 Harrison, Benjamin to J. N. Huston, duplicate copy  
 1891 July 13 Morgan, T. J. to the Archbishop of Ireland, TLS  
 1891 Oct. 19 Huntington, John[?] to Mrs. Harrison, ALS  
 1891 Dec. 10 Hawley, Joseph R. to Mrs. Harrison, ALS  
 1891 Dec. 15 Edmundson[?], George to Benjamin Harrison, ALS  
 1892 Jan. 28 Fuller, Melville W. to Benjamin Harrison, LS  
 1892 Mar. 10 Harrison, Benjamin to Whitelaw Reid, typed copy, 2 p.  
 1892 Mar. 10 Harrison, Benjamin to Whitelaw Reid, typed copy  
 1892 Mar. 17 Harrison, Benjamin to William F. Wharton, duplicate copy  
 1892 Mar. 17 Harrison, Benjamin to William F. Wharton, typed copy, 2 p.  
 1892 June 10 Acklan, W. H. to Russell B. Harrison, ALS  
 1892 June 11 Cook, George M. to Russell B. Harrison, ALS  
 1892 June 24 Harrison, H. J. to Russell B. Harrison, ALS  
 1892 Oct. 11 Halford, E. M. to Mrs. Russell B. Harrison, telegram  
Box 1, Folder 7. *Correspondence, 1893-1898*  
 1893 July 28 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1893 Aug. 5 Ford, Austin E. to Russell B. Harrison, ALS  
 1894 Aug. 25 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1895 Dec. 14 Lenic[?], Mrs. Clay to Benjamin Harrison, ALS  
 1896 July 14 -  
     Nov. 9 Transcript of letters regarding the Venezuelan boundary dispute  
 with England  
 1896 Aug. 6 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1896 Aug. 16 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS, 2 p.  
 1896 Aug. 29 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1896 Sept. 5 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1896 Sept. 14 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1896 Sept. 9 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, LS  
 1896 Sept. 25 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1896 Oct. 27 Harrison, Benjamin to W. T. Durbin, telegram  
 1897 July 27 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1897 Aug. 5 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1897 Aug. 13 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1897 Aug. 30 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1898 Aug. 1 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1898 Aug. 4 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1898 Aug. 23 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS, 2 p.  
 1898 Sept. 22 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1898 Oct. 7 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
 1898 Oct. 19 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS  
Box 1, Folder 8. *Correspondence, 1899-1900, undated*  
 1899 Feb. 2 Webster, Richard E. to Severo Mallet-Prevost, typed copy, 5 p.  
 1899 May 15 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1899 May 27 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS  
 1899 June 8 Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS, 2 p.

1899 June 23	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS, 3 p.
1899 July 25	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS, 3 p.
1899 Aug. 28	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS, 2 p.
1899 Sept. 28	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
1899 Oct. 7	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
1900 Aug. 22	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, TLS, 3 p.
1900 Aug. 29	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
1900 Sept. 6	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
1900 Sept. 18	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
1900 Sept. 26	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
1900 Sept. 28	Harrison, Benjamin to W. H. H. Miller, ALS
Mar. 2	de Mendonca, Marie to Mrs. Harrison, ALS
July 29	White, H. to Benjamin Harrison, ANS
undated	Blaine, Harriet to Mrs. Harrison, ALS
undated	Butterfield, Dave[?] to Russell[?] B. Harrison, ALS
undated	Logan, Mary S. to Mrs. Harrison, ANS

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4. Life of Grandfather and Grandson, 1889
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6. Financial records, 1874
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**Box 4.** *Financial records, 1897-1898, undated & Library Catalogue*

1. Financial records, Jan.-Mar. 1897
2. Financial records, Apr.-June 1897
3. Financial records, July-Aug. 1897
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6. Lizzie S. Lord's Catalogue of Library and Index to Vocal and Instrumental Music, 1866 Dec. 25

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1889 "The President's Home: Portraits of the Family and Biographical Sketches"

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Folder 5.

1888 Jan. 9 Mortgage from Benjamin Harrison and wife to Cyrus C. Hines and Maria L. Hines

1889 June 21 Special passport issued to Russell B. Harrison by the U.S. State Department

**Collection Information:**

<i>Size of Collection:</i>	4 manuscript boxes, 2 oversized folders
<i>Collection Dates:</i>	1852-1900
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